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Ms. Penny Woods
Bureau of Land Management
1340 Financial Boulevard
P.O. Box 12000
Reno, NV 89502

Dear Ms. Woods:

On behalf of the Nevada Development Authority, I am writing to voice my support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's request for rights-of-way to utilize unused water resources from all six basins in its Groundwater Development Project.

I understand that the communities in the six basins fear that their land and way of life may be negatively impacted, but the Southern Nevada Water Authority has the environmental protections in place to ensure that water, biological and cultural resources will be closely monitored to help avoid adverse project effects.

The Groundwater Development Project is necessary in order to rebuild our state's economy. Without a secured water supply, Clark County will not only be incapable of sustaining our existing business community, we will not be able to attract new businesses. The economy of Southern Nevada is vital to the welfare of the State of Nevada. As such, I support the BLM's proposed action as the preferred alternative for the SNWA's project and urge you to approve the applications for rights-of-way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmest regards,

Somer Hollingsworth
President and CEO

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